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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, BEXP, CG

SUBJECT: GECAMINES EXPANSION PROGRAM

REF: 1) LUBUMBASHI 003 OF JAN. 3, 1975 2) KINSHASA 9428 OF
NOV., 1974

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONSULATE OFFICER (SEE
REFTEL) GECAMINES SECRETARY GENERAL KORT EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NO U.S. FIRMS REPLIED TO BID
REQUESTS, AND ASKED WHY AMEMBASSY KINSHASA WOULD
NOT OR WOULD NOT APPLY PRESSURE TO CHANGE THEIR
POSITION. CONSOFF REPEATED BY NOW WELL KNOWN
(TO KORT) VIEWS OF U.S. FIRMS AND USG REGARDING
USEFULLNESS IF NOT NECESSITY FOR PROJECT MANAGER
FOR PROJECT OF THIS SIZE AND COMPLEXITY.
REPLIED DECISION THAT GECAMINES WOULD ITSEFL
DIRECT P-2 EXPANSION PROGRAM WAS CATEGORICAL AND
HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO GECAMINES BY BISENGIMANA IN
MAY, 1974. ACCORDING TO KORT DECISION WAS
NEVER OPEN TO CHANGE, AND AGREEMENTS MADE WITH
WORLD BANK ONLY SERVED TO REINGORCE THAT DECISION.

2. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT DIRECTOR-GENERAL UMBA'S
MOST RECENT TRIP TO U.S. KORT SAID UMBA DID NOT
CONTACT U.S. FIRMS BECAUSE HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED
TO DO SO.

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